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9th Sunday After Pentecost



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- CCLI LICENSE #11164431
- PLEASE RESPOND WITH WORDS IN BOLD PRINT.
- SCRIPTURE TEXTS FROM THE COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE.
- *PLEASE STAND IF COMFORTABLY ABLE.
- **NCH** IS THE NEW CENTURY HYMNAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE: **“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”**

Stewart Landon

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Written by Sandra Graham)*

One: We have been called to walk the faithful road
and to choose the way of God’s justice.

**MANY: We are here because we believe strongly that
our God is good, and that we live in that
goodness. We are here to proclaim our faith
and to seek direction along this faith journey.**

One: Come together, then, to be God’s people.
Follow Christ and listen for the good things
That God has done. Rise up in praise and
thanksgiving!

**MANY: We will share with others the goodness that
we have found in God. May our lives be an
expression of that goodness.**

*OPENING HYMN: **NCH 436**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

(Written by Margaret Godfrey)

**O God, our joy and our comfort, we gather in your
name to give thanks for all the gifts of this day. Our
spirits abound with your gift of joy. Of all the many
things we have received from you hand, the flame of
joy is the most precious. We have also come to this
hour of prayer bearing in our hearts the sorrows of our
world. Comfort us with your presence that we may be
strengthened to continue to proclaim your goodness**

and deliverance in all the earth; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***GLORIA: NCH 759**

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three- in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Lay Liturgist

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING: Psalm 50:1-15, 22-23

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EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Lay Liturgist

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:32-40**

This is the Word of God. It is true and can be trusted.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON:

***HYMN OF RESPONSE: NCH 288**

“Let It Breathe on Me”

PASTORAL PRAYER:

(Beginning with silent personal prayer)

THE LORD’S PRAYER: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: NCH 769

**Hear our prayer, O God, Hear our Prayer, O God;
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

INVITATION TO SHARE:

OFFERTORY: “Something for Thee” Robert W. Thygerson

***DOXOLOGY: NCH 780**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**God, we bring these gifts – a small portion of our lives,
and in this offering we find ourselves not lessened, but
newly worthy, truly wealthy and deeply blessed.
Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN: NCH 377 “Forward through the Ages”**

***BENEDICTION:** *(Written by Glen E. Rainsley)*

Because Christ lives, because the Spirit flourishes,
the headline reads:

Grace, mercy, and peace are yours. The news is good.
Accept it with joy and serve God gladly. Amen

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE: TUNE: “Amazing Grace”**

**Depart in peace to do God’s will;
Walk ever in the light,
For Christ is with you ever more,
To guide you day and night.** *(Written by Ruth Duck)*

***POSTLUDE: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**
Lani Smith